



## CALIFORNIA STATE THREAT ASSESSMENT CENTER

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#### (U) CALIFORNIA

##### **(U) Los Angeles – Five-Day Firearms Sweep Leads to Seizure of More Than 100 Guns, 13 Arrests**

(U) A five-day sweep in Los Angeles County ended with 13 people arrested and 114 firearms seized, California Attorney General Rob Bonta announced Tuesday. The sweep began on 14 February and sought to take firearms away from people no longer legally allowed to have them. Agents teamed up with local police in Los Angeles, Azusa, Pasadena, Pomona, as well as the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department to target people in 51 cities throughout the region. Of the more than 100 firearms seized, there were an assortment of 17 assault weapons, 8 ghost guns, 19 rifles, 55 handguns and 15 shotguns. Officers also found 49,148 rounds of ammunition, and 87 high-capacity magazines.

SOURCE: 22 February 2022, [KTLA](#)

##### **(U) San Jose – Three Charged in Alleged Ghost Gun Operation**

(U) Three people have been charged in connection with an illegal firearms operation that turned a Willow Glen home into a suburban ghost-gun-making station, with authorities seizing several untraceable rifles and assorted gun-making equipment there and at another South Bay residence, according to the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office. Prosecutors announced Tuesday that they charged 38-year-old San Jose resident Jack Michael Mahon and Joseph Clifford Cahoon, 31, of Morgan Hill, with multiple crimes including illegally manufacturing assault weapons and illegally having firearms while having felony convictions.

SOURCE: 22 February 2022, [Mercury News](#)

##### **(U) Sonoma County – PG&E Close to Plea Deal in Criminal Case for 2019 Kincade Fire**

(U) A preliminary hearing has been paused in the criminal case against Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) for the 2019 Kincade Fire that burned in Sonoma County. The District Attorney's Office and utility are reportedly close to a plea deal in the case. Hearings will resume on 28 February if no deal is finalized. PG&E faces 33 criminal charges for causing the wildfire, which started on 23 October, burning a total of 77,758-acres, destroying 374 structures and causing four non-life-threatening injuries.

SOURCE: 22 February 2022, [KGO](#)

#### (U) NATIONAL

##### **(U) Georgia – Three Found Guilty of Hate Crimes and Other Offenses in Ahmaud Arbery Case**

(U) Brunswick – The three men convicted of chasing down and murdering Ahmaud Arbery, as he was out jogging in their suburban Georgia community, were found guilty on Tuesday of committing federal hate crimes and other offenses in the 2020 killing. A predominantly white jury deliberated for about four-hours over two days before returning the verdict against Travis McMichael, 36, his father, former police officer Gregory McMichael, 66, and a neighbor, William "Roddie" Bryan, 52, in US District Court in Brunswick, Georgia.

SOURCE: 22 February 2022, [Reuters](#)

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### **(U) New Mexico – Deputy and K-9 Seize More Than Six-Million Worth of Drugs in 2021**

(U) Cibola County – Deputy Julian Armijo and K-9 Rinkin of the Cibola County Sheriff's Office conducted 21 drugs seizures in 2021, totaling more than six-million dollars. Earlier this month, the duo seized more than 200-pounds of marijuana with a street value of more than one-million dollars. The Cibola County Sheriff's Office has seen an uptick in marijuana and fentanyl seizures, especially during the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic when border check stations weren't fully open.

SOURCE: 21 February 2022, [KOAT7](#)

### **(U) Oregon – Suspect in Deadly Shooting During Weekend Protests Faces Several Charges**

(U) Portland – The suspect in a weekend shooting that left one woman dead and four people wounded during a protest in Portland, Oregon, faces several charges, including murder, prosecutors said Tuesday. The shooting unfolded Saturday night after Benjamin Smith, 43, described by police as a homeowner, allegedly confronted a group of demonstrators who were protesting the killing of Amir Locke by Minneapolis police, authorities said. Smith faces charges of second-degree murder, four counts of second-degree attempted murder, two counts of first-degree assault with a firearm, and two counts of second-degree assault with a firearm.

SOURCE: 23 February 2022, [CNN](#)

### **(U) Texas – Anti-Semitic Flyers Left on Driveways in Colleyville**

(U) Colleyville – A hate crime investigation is underway in the Texas city of Colleyville, where worshipers were held hostage in a synagogue last month, after anti-Semitic and white separatist flyers sealed in clear sandwich bags were left in driveways, authorities said. Police pointed out that similar flyers have appeared in cities including San Francisco, Miami and Denver and said the department was in communication with the FBI.

SOURCE: 23 February 2022, [CNN](#)

## **(U) INTERNATIONAL**

### **(U) Niger – Eighteen Civilians Killed in West Niger Attack**

(U) Tillaberi – Eighteen civilians were killed when their transport vehicle came under attack in a part of western Niger frequently targeted by Islamist militants, the government said on Tuesday. Interior Minister Alkassoum Indatou attributed Sunday's attack in the Tillaberi region, near the border with Mali, to "armed bandits, aboard several motorcycles, who have not yet been identified." He said in a statement that 13 of the victims were from the village of Foney Ganda and five from the village of Tizegorou.

SOURCE: 22 February 2022, [Reuters](#)

### **(U) Somalia – Somali Special Forces Kill 60 Al-Shabab Militants, Senior Leader**

(U) Hiran – Somali special forces killed 60-Shabab militants on Tuesday, including a senior leader, during operations conducted in several locations in the Hiran region, a military official said. A senior Somali military official said the forces also destroyed al-Shabab hideouts near the Goobaalle village in the Middle Shabelle region. Officials said bases including explosive manufacturing centers and so-called court and secret houses where militants extorted money from locals in BulaArudi, Malable, Siigaale, and Busleydaudi were also destroyed.

SOURCE: 23 February 2022, [Xinhua](#)

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